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on its territory. Rather than helping imperialism, what Spain should do, because it is a littoral country, is to play an important role, which it has, in order to guarantee security in the region."

The Libyan authorities believe that Spain "does not wish to open its eyes" to the conflict in the Mediterranean, and assert that there is, at least apparently, no interest on Madrid's part in improving the level of relations with Tripoli.

EFE Reports Further Details

PA092153 Madrid EFE in Spanish 2123 GMT 9 Apr 86

[Excerpts] Madrid, 9 Apr (EFE) — Libyan leader Mu'ammar al-Qadhafi today threatened with "answering with strength" against U.S. civilian and military installations throughout the world, including the ones in Spain, if his country is attacked by the United States.

"Any state, either Arab or European, which helps the United States and its Sixth Fleet will be involved in the war," it was stated by Al-Qadhafi during a news conference, according to a report issued by the official Libyan agency JANA, which was received in Madrid.

"Italy, Spain, the islands in the Mediterranean, or the Arab ports which support the Sixth Fleet will be part of this war," it was asserted by Qadhafi during a news conference with local and foreign journalists.

Al-Qadhafi said, during the news conference held today in Tripoli, that his government has prepared "a military confrontation plan" given the United States' "statements and threats."

"The United States will fail in its warmongering adventure. If they attack us again we will react strongly against U.S. civilian and military installations in all the continents," he said, according to JANA's version.

Al-Qadhafi said that if the United States attacks Libya, his country will turn the Mediterranean into a "war zone, which will include the countries in Southern Europe, and all the maritime and air communications will be affected."

Al-Qadhafi said that the U.S. charges to the effect that Libya is responsible for the recent attacks against U.S. interests "is an old tune we always hear, however, the world has never seen any evidence about these stories."

He added: "We are not responsible for these actions. We did not give any orders to this effect, although if we are attacked, we will do it."

Qadhafi said that he supports the proposal made by Soviet leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, to withdraw foreign fleets from the Mediterranean Sea and turning this sea in a zone of peace.

JANA Cites Soviet Spokesman on Libya, Berlin Bombing

LD092004 Tripoli JANA in English 1730 GMT 9 Apr 86

[Text] [Place Indistinct] Rajab 29, Apr, 9, JAMAHIRIYAH NEWS AGENCY — A spokesman for the Soviet Government — "Vladimir Lomeyko", said that Moscow has rejected any attempt to blame Libya for the explosion in a West Berlin night club last week.

He said that European leftist groups had claimed responsibility for the bombing in West Berlin and that the Soviet Union reject any attempt to place responsibility on states which have no relation to these explosion including Libya which announced that it has no link whatsoever with Berlin's bombing.

Italy's Spadolini Termed Agent of U.S. CIA

NC100606 Tripoli Domestic Service in Arabic 0500 GMT 10 Apr 86

[Text] According to reliable sources in Rome, Italian Defense Minister Giovanni Spadolini has ordered the Italian Air Force to guard the U.S. military bases in Italy. This military measure, which Spadolini adopted without consulting others, endangers the security and safety of the Mediterranean and threatens the safety of civil aviation traffic over the Mediterranean and Italy.

Both government and party sources in Italy have stressed that Spadolini has overstepped his powers by taking this measure without consulting his government. This proves that he is an agent for the U.S. CIA.

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Taya Receives Democratic Kampuchea Envoy

AB091037 Nouakchott Domestic Service in French 0730 GMT 9 Apr 86

[Text] Colonel Maaouiya Ould Sid Ahmed Taya, chairman of the CMSN and head of state, yesterday morning received in audience his excellency (Hing An), ambassador of Democratic Kampuchea to our country. Following the audience, the diplomat disclosed that he conveyed to the head of state the fraternal greetings of Norodom Sihanouk, president of Democratic Kampuchea, as well as review the profound gratitude of the people and the coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea for Mauritania's firm and active support for their just cause. Finally, he added that the people of Democratic Kampuchea have been following with great admiration the outstanding achievements of the Mauritanian people under the clear-sighted and dynamic leadership of their head of state.

Nigerian Finance Official Ends Visit 9 Apr

AB092004 Nouakchott Domestic Service in French 1430 GMT 9 Apr 86

[Excerpt] Alhaji Yusuf, the Nigerian secretary of state for economic affairs at the Ministry of Finance and economic planning, left our capital, Nouakchott, at the end of a 3-day visit to our

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BEIJING XINHUA IN ENGLISH 0206 GMT 10 APR 86
((TEXT)) CAIRO, APRIL 9 (XINHUA) -- LIBYAN LEADER MU'AMMAR
AL-QADHDHAFI TODAY DECLARED THAT LIBYA HAD DRAWN UP MILITARY
PLANS TO CONFRONT THE LATEST AMERICAN THREATS,
ACCORDING TO A REPORT FROM TRIPOLI.
AL-QADHDHAFI ANNOUNCED THIS DURING AN INTERVIEW HE GAVE
TO NEWS REPORTERS IN HIS BUNKER. IT WAS HIS FIRST
PRESS CONFERENCE SINCE THE CLASHES IN THE SIDRA GULF
WITH THE U.S.
HE SAID, IT IS AXIOMATIC THAT AMERICA WILL BE DEFEATED
MILITARILY IF THE U.S. LAUNCHED AGGRESSION AGAINST LIBYA.
"WE SHALL ESCALATE THE VIOLENCE AGAINST AMERICAN TARGETS,
CIVILIAN AND NON-CIVILION, THROUGHOUT THE WORLD,"
HE STATED.
AL-QADHDHAFI CLAIMED THAT LIBYA HAD CAPTURED SIX AMERICAN
PILOTS FROM PLANES SHOT DOWN, WHICH THE PENTAGON HAD
DENIED.
THE LIBYAN LEADER SAID THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT THE
SOVIETS TO AID LIBYA IF ANY FURTHER CONFRONTATION
WITH THE AMERICANS IS LIMITED TO THE MEDITERRANEAN
SEA.
BUT IF THE WAR SPREADS FURTHER, HE ADDED, THEN
NATURALLY THE SOVIET UNION WILL NOT STAND BY WITH ITS
HANDS TIED DURING A WAR INVOLVING A SUPERPOWER.
AL-QADHDHAFI'S TOP MILITARY COMMANDER HAD SAID LAST WEEK
THAT U.S. MISSILES HAD KILLED 56 PEOPLE IN THE LAST
MONTH'S CONFRONTATION IN THE SIDRA GULF.
AT A GRAND MASS RALLY OF 70,000 YOUNG PEOPLE IN
TRIPOLI LAST MONDAY, LIBYA'S NUMBER TWO MAN 'ABD
AL-SALAM JALLUD CALLED ON THE LIBYANS TO FIGHT AGAINST
THE AMERICANS AND "TO DIE IF NECESSARY".
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